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In re Application of:  
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Controlling Cascading E-Mail  
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<p>CERTIFICATE OF FAX 37 CFR 1.8</p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office to fax number 703/872-9306 to the attention of Examiner Young Won on the date below:</p> <p>April 6, 2004 Date</p> <p>Gero G. McClellan</p>
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicants submit this Statement in response to the Interview Summary dated March 22, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 22, 2004. On March 18, 2004, a telephonic interview was held between Joe Jong, Applicant's representative, and the Examiner. Claim 1 and *Edmonds et al.* were discussed.

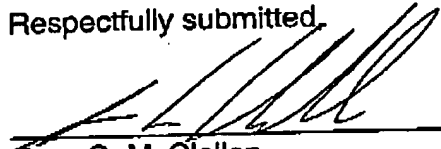
During the interview, Applicants contended that *Edmonds et al.* is non-analogous art and cannot be relied on as a reference for the basis of rejecting the Applicants' claims. The Applicants' are more fully stated in their Response filed on March 23, 2004, which is herein incorporated by reference.

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No agreement could be reached at the time of the interview, but the Examiner suggested amending the claims to incorporate some novel functional aspect of the "cascade-type" message.

Respectfully submitted,



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